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18 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: The Political and Social Outlook of
the Soviet Officer Corps

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1. In view of the absence today of [redacted]
of your staff we undertook, at [redacted] request, to consult OCI
[redacted] and ONE [redacted] on subject project. [redacted]
[redacted] advised us that you will approve the project if consultation with
[redacted] reveal no reason not to do so.

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OCI [redacted] -- Advised us that project looks
desirable; that OCI can provide monitor, but would like more
time to decide which officer on their staff should undertake
monitorship.

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ONE [redacted] -- Recommends that the project be
undertaken.

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2. Inasmuch as OCI and ONE have offered no objection we have ad-
vised [redacted] to go ahead with the project.

3. Attached for your information is the original correspondence
and a redraft of the project with covering memorandum to the PRC Secre-
tary for your signature.

4. May I add that since my earlier memorandum to you, same sub-
ject, Mr. Bissell has advised me that Mr. Rockefeller's current interest
in the vulnerability of the Soviet armed forces strengthens the justification
for the project.

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JAMES Q. REBER

Office of the Director

Planning and Coordination Staff

Attachments

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